

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON**, on January 29, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bruce Simon, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Pavlovich, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Paul Sliter, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)
Rep. Rod Bitney (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
Rep. Roy Brown (R)
Rep. David Ewer (D)
Rep. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)
Rep. Gary Matthews (D)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires (D)
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Carley Tuss (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Stephen Maly, Legislative Branch
Pati O'Reilly, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 260 AND HB 390 (1/26/99; HB 394 AND HB 396 (1/27/99)
Executive Action: HB 337, HB 390, HB 394

HEARING ON HB 260

Sponsor: Rep. Mood, HD 58 introduced HB 260.

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Proponents' Testimony:

Dr. Peter Blouke, Director of MT Dept. of Commerce.

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Dick Croft, MT Commissioner of Higher Education

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Evan Barrett, MT Economic Development Assn.

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Mike Malone, President of Montana State University

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Tom McCoy, Vice President of Research at Montana State University

EXHIBIT (buh23a01) EXHIBIT (buh23a02) EXHIBIT (buh23a03)

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Ralph Hutchinson, Scientific Materials Assn.

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Judy Fredenburg, University of Montana

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Ralph Peck, Director of Montana Dept. of Agriculture

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Carl Schwitzer, Bozeman Chamber of Commerce

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Ron de Young, Montana Farmers Union

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Bob Stephens, Montana Independent Graingrowers Assn.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 8}

Jake Ankeny, Montana State University Students

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 8 - 36}

Opponents: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Committee questions proponents.

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Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Mood closed HB 260.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 151 - 198}

HEARING ON HB 394

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Ahner HD 51 introduces HB 394.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 198 - 238}

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

Gary Willis, Montana Power Co.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 238 - 294}

Jim Brown, Division Administrator for MT Building Codes Division of Dept. of Commerce.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 294 - 459}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Rep. Krenzler questions Jim Brown.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 459 - 489}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Ahner closed HB 394.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 489 - 500}

HEARING ON HB 390

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Lawson HD 80 introduced HB 390.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 51}

Proponents' Testimony:

Steve Meloy, Director of Professional and Occupational
Licensing, MT Dept. of Commerce **EXHIBIT**(buh23a04)

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 51 - 116}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Rep. Pavlovich questions Steve Meloy.

Rep. Simon questions Meloy and Lawson

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 116 - 138}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Lawson closed HB 390

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 138 - 163}

HEARING ON HB 396

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Masolo HD 40 introduced HB
396.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 163 - 246}

Proponents' Testimony:

Senator Mahlum SD 35, Missoula, MT

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 246 - 281}

Rep. Pavlovich, HD 37, Butte, MT

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 281 - 296}

Steve Pilcher, Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds Director

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 296 - 313}

Opponents' Testimony:

Rep. David Ewer, HD 53.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 313 - 369}

Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 369 - 500}

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Rep. Trexler, Stovall, Bitney, Bookout and Sliter questions Rep. Masolo.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21 - 102}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Masolo closed on HB 396.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 102 - 140}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 337

Motion: REP. SLITER moved that HB 337 DO PASS.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 140 - 178}

Motion/Vote: REP. SLITER moved that HB 337 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously. EXHIBIT(buh23a05) EXHIBIT(buh23a06)

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 178 - 282}

Motion/Vote: REP. MATTHEWS moved that HB 337 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously. EXHIBIT(buh23a07)

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 282 - 380}

Motion/Vote: REP. SLITER moved that HB 337 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 380 - 398}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 394

Motion/Vote: REP. BROWN moved that HB 394 BE TABLED. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 398 - 457}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 390

Motion: REP. LAWSON moved that HB 390 DO PASS.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 457 - 500}

Motion/Vote: REP. LAWSON moved that HB 390 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 34}

Motion/Vote: REP. LAWSON moved that HB 390 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 16-2 with Trexler voting no.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 34 - 38}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:06 A.M.

REP. BRUCE SIMON, Chairman

PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (buh23aad)